

WO-366
Bethlehem Methodist Church
Snow Hill vicinity
Public worship

1916

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: BETHLEHEM METHODIST CHURCH

MHT Inventory Number: W0-366

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
 RELIGION
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):
 URBAN/INDUSTRIAL DOMINANCE
 1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):
 Church

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Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic BETHLEHEM METHODIST CHURCH

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Intersection of Greenbriar Swamp and St. Luke's roads not for publication

city, town Snow Hill ☒ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of Bethlehem Methodist Church

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Bethlehem Methodist Church stands on the northeast corner of the intersection of Greenbriar Swamp Road and Saint Lukes Road in the western section of Worcester County approximately eight miles northwest of Snow Hill. The church faces south with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1916, this single-story gable front frame church is supported on rusticated concrete block piers and the building is sheathed with a layer of plain weatherboards. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The south (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a center double door entrance and flanking colored glass windows. The paneled doors are topped by a pointed colored glass transom. The flanking windows are topped by a pointed arch transom as well. Fixed in the upper gable end is a diamond shaped colored glass window that retains a faint white inscription, "Bethlehem Church 1916." The eaves to the roof are slightly extended, and the rafter ends are exposed.

The side elevations are three-bay walls with pointed arch colored glass windows. Interior brick stacks rise through the sides of the church.

The north or rear gable end is marked by a three-sided apse with colored glass windows in two sides. Another diamond shaped window pierces the upper gable.

The interior was not seen.

Standing behind the church is a shed roofed frame privy sheathed with weaterboard siding.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1916 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone Easting Northing

B

Zone Easting Northing

The figure shows three horizontal bar charts. The first chart, labeled 'Zone', has a single bar with a value of 1. The second chart, labeled 'Easting', has a single bar with a value of 1. The third chart, labeled 'Northing', has a single bar with a value of 1.

c

D

E

[illegible]

G

[illegible]

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian
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organization Private Consultant/Worcester Co. **date** 10/6/89

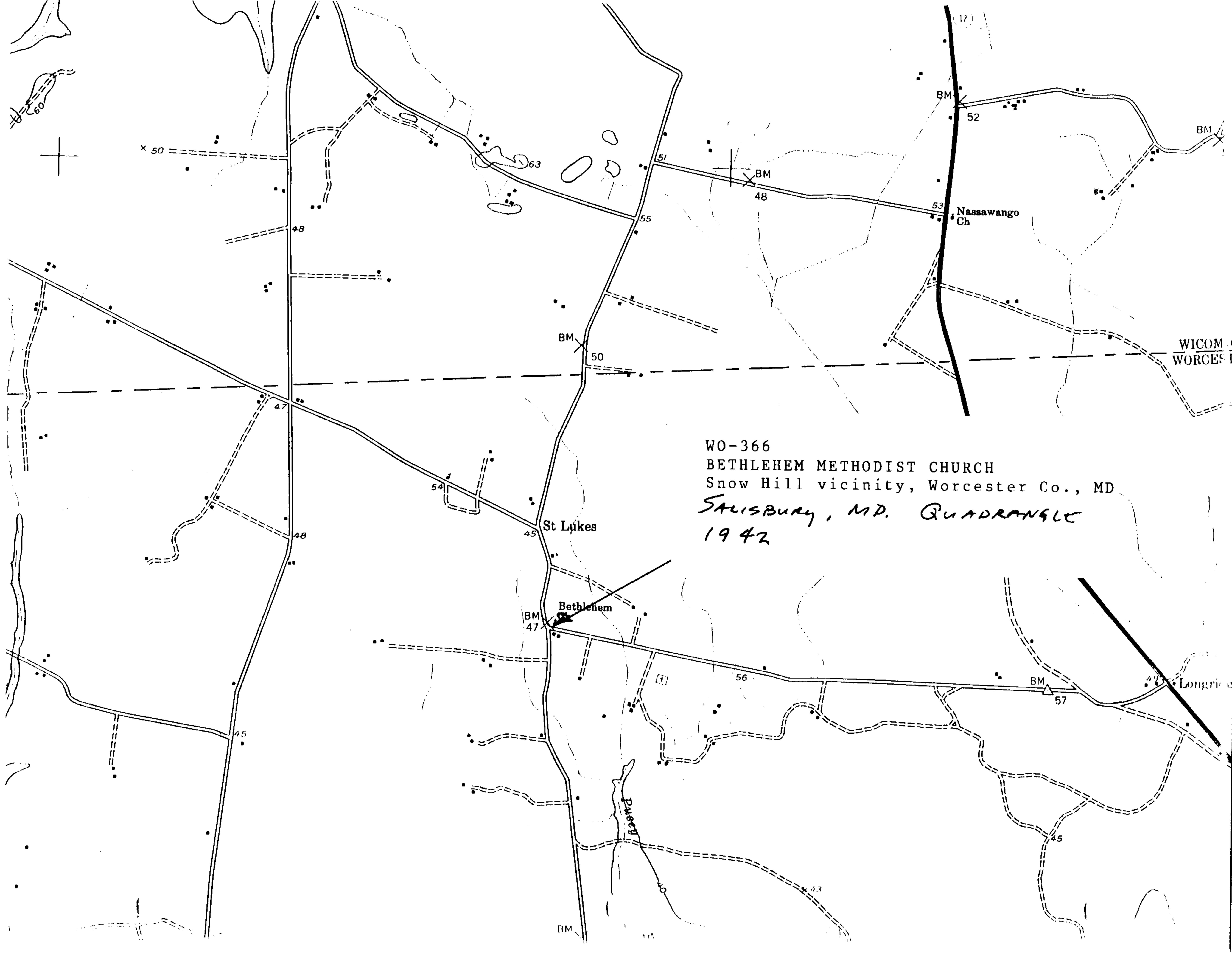
street & number P. O. Box 5 **telephone** 301-651-1094

city or town	Westover	state	MD	218671
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